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In re Patent Application of

HEROUX et al.

Appln. No. 09/023,483

Filed: February 13, 1998

FOR: ASSAY METHODS FOR NUCLEIC ACID IN A SAMPLE

Allowed: May 23, 2003

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Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: J. Tung

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**SEPARATE RECORD OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

June 19, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

**MS ISSUE FEE**

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the Interview Summary dated May 19, 2003 (Paper No. 28), the following is Applicants' record of the substance of the interview: (a) the Examiner was authorized to cancel claims 34-37, 41-61, 75-79 and 93-97 and (b) she was advised that some or all of the foregoing dependent claims would be amended in an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 to depend from a different claim which was still pending.

The claims remain allowable for the reason of record: "No prior art has been found teaching or suggesting a method for determining total nucleic acid in a sample" (page 2 of the Notice of Allowability). The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	72	minus highest number		
Previously paid for	97	(at least 20) =	0 x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment	12	minus highest number		
Previously paid for	19	(at least 3) =	0 x \$ 84.00	\$ 0.00

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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